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STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES

UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.173(c)

Sir:

The patent claims 1-14 and the added claims 15-28 are pending.

The support in the disclosure of the patent for each of the claim changes presented in the attached amendment is set forth, for example, as follows:

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Claim 1: "... a rigid dissection probe having a portion eccentric the control rod...". See: col. 1, lines 58-60; col. 3, lines 53-55; patent claim 8; Figures 2-6 and 7B and the associated descriptions.

Claim 2: "... the eccentric portion of dissection probe rotatable with the control rod." See: col. 3, lines 53-55; col. 4, lines 19-24 and lines 31-34, and line 67 to col. 4, line 9; and Figures 2, 6 and associated descriptions.

Claim 9: "... between ends for rotatably receiving an endoscope therein." A grammatical correction is introduced.

Claim 10: "... apparatus as in claim 1 including a fluid seal within the lumen near the distal end ...". See: col. 3, lines 19-23; patent claims 2, 3, 10; and Figures 3, 4 and the associated descriptions.

Claim 11: "... apparatus as in claim 9 including an endoscope as an instrument ...". See: col. 4, lines 34-38; and patent claims 9, 10, 13.

Claim 14: "... apparatus as in claim 9 including as an instrument within the second lumen an elongated rod ...". See: col. 2, lines 45-49; col. 3, lines 9-14; col. 4, lines 34-38; patent claims 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 14; and Figures 2-6, 8.

Claim 16: "... assembling an endoscope within the lumen of the cannula for relative rotation of the endoscope and cannula ...", "... the cannula configured with the operative tip disposed within the distal end of the cannula ...", "distally extending the operative tip from within the distal end of the cannula ...", and "selectively rotating the cannula and endoscope relative to the endoscopic instrument for rotationally manipulating the extended operating tip ...". See: patent claim 12, lines 27-31; patent claim 13, lines 42-54; and Figure 5 and associated description.


Claim 19: Correction of spelling error, and "... maintaining fluid-tight engagement in response to movement of the endoscopic instrument relative to

an endoscope received through the fluid seal.” See: col. 2, lines 55-61, and patent claims 3, 4; and Figures 1, 2 and associated descriptions.

Claim 28: “... a fluid seal disposed in the lumen in the cannula intermediate the proximal and distal ends ...”. See: col. 3, lines 38-45 and patent claims 3 and 4; and Figures 1-4 and associated descriptions.

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